MORTON STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL 2004

Sharif Johnson

aka

Riffy

Keep it Riding

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TODAY WILL SHAPE

OUR FUTURE

CLASS OF 2004

Dear Graduates,

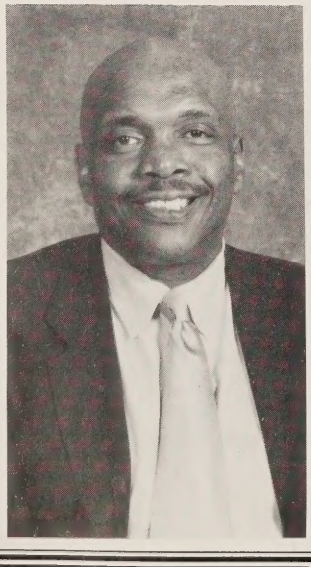
Congratulations to the Class of 2004! The entire Morton Street Middle School family is extremely proud of you and we applaud your effort and hard work in attaining the first of many milestones on the long road of life .

It is my sincere hope that your Morton Street School experience has given you the foundaton and raised your level of counsciosness for life's next phase of responsibilities.

On your behalf and in dedication to the Class of 2004, I leave you with this poem:

Whats It's Like To Be A Mortonite

Eyes front
Shoulders back
Pride riding high
Dress for success
Proud to be human
& not a community parasite
Eager to read (at least 25 books)
To raise our consciousness
Eager to study
For good, not evil
For all humanity, not just the few & ugly
In order to make our community beautiful
Arranging notes in our journals
To be in rhythm with ourselves and hearts
As Amiri said, "We are
using some muscle in our
hearts and minds"
To speak our truth
To tell our stories
To tell our ancestors
and Read
and Read
Reading Power!
Power!
Power!
Reading Power!
t ain't outlawed here
Knowledge is Power
As is tradition, like
Malcolm
Martin
Stokley
Ella
Rap
Fannie Lou
Amiti & Amina
Coltrane
John
Sarah
Che



Children of the Motherland
That's who we are
Young people of humanity
From pyramids to playground
Commanding respect and dignity

Children of Brick City, The
Original
We own the night - the right
Burning the midnight oil
Paving our way through the light
of words read
words heard
and our words written
For truth
For Self-Determination
Self-Respect
Self-Defense
Just like Malcolm said,
Making Newark - The New Ark
for the human race

At Morton Street Middle
We Get to Feel - in
Read - in
Math - in
Science - in
Believe - in
Believe in ourselves
Long Live the Mortonite!
Long live the Central Ward!!

Carl L. Gregory
Principal

Congratulations to the Class of 2004

"Yes, You Can," is a powerful phrase that prompted many of you to take serious your accountability for learning this year. It is my hope that this same phrase will serve as a constant reminder of all you have achieved and experienced here at Morton Street Middle School and all that you will achieve as you embark upon new challenges in high school.

I charge each of you to let this phrase along with our 2003 - 2004 school theme (Compassion, Integrity, Connection) fuel your desire for continued academic excellence. Boldly resonate and resound with a positive attitude whatever your future endeavors may be, and may they be a reflection of your words and actions. Yes, I can show compassion for others; Yes, I can build integrity; and Yes, I can make the critical connections for academic achievement.

I have no doubt about your ability to maintain your focus for success. However, only you have the control to stay on course. We at Morton have layered your foundation with the necessary tools to help you cross the threshold of high school prepared to accomplish your goals. So, hold on and take to heart that

"Yes, I Can - I Can Do Anything If I Try..."

Best Wishes,

H. Abdul-Ghani

Ms. Abdul-Ghani

Vice-Principal

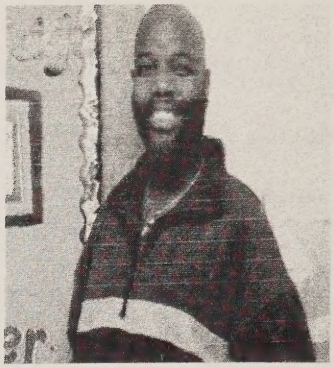
DEDICATION

We the class of 2004 hereby dedicate our yearbook to the "Great" Tamiko Neal. She has been for us a true leader. Her eyes always filled with encouragement, moved us to accelerate to heights we thought were unattainable.

She has helped shape us into the proud, mature, and responsible students we are. While being a teacher, eight grade advisor, yearbook advisor, and mother of two she still was able to fit us into her tremendously busy schedule and help us in our times of need.

Ms. Neal not only is a great teacher but we've found her to be a trustworthy friend .She wouldn't allow anything to interfere with our learning, yet there was time for us to joke around and enjoy ourselves. Ms. Neal has committed herself to us and while we sometimes complained about the assignments we've now come to the realization that all she told us wasn't talk but it was forming the foundation of the bridge that we one-day hope to cross over into becoming adults. For all that she have done and will continue to do we the class of 2004 salute her and will forever keep her and her words of wisdom in our hearts.

Our Guardian Angel
Tamiko Neal



The class of 2004 also dedicates the yearbook to Mr. Barney Truitt, for all of his hard work and for being an outstanding teacher.

Mr. Truitt has always been there for us by constantly staying in our case.

When we were down or sad, he'd sometimes stop his lesson to pull us aside and help us to solve the problem; and it made us feel better. That's how much he cares about us.

He plays and jokes on occasion but when it's time to learn, you know it's time to stop. Like when he pretends he has hair, we all laugh-hard. Then it's down to business, whether it was GEPA, something new to learn, or preparing for a test.

Whenever we are about to be mischievous, somehow he knows and makes it a point to discourage the behavior. When something does happen, he gives us the opportunity to take responsibility for our actions.

Mr. Truitt influences us to do and be good by participating in Do Something. He wants us to give back to our community and be good to ourselves by not getting involved with drugs and street activities. Mr. Truitt has positively influenced our future and us and we shall never forget him.

Our Father away From Home
Mr. Barney Truitt

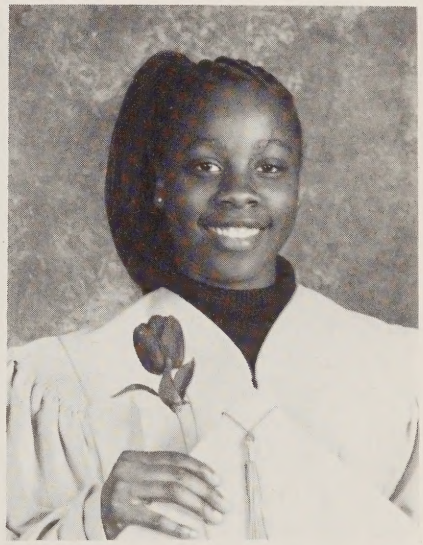
In Loving Memory of Ms. Monique Spruell

Tynease Adams
B.K.A
Angel
Cancer
Cosmetologist

Naiomi Alvarez
B.K.A
Nay-Nay
Taurus
Actress

Taijah Anderson
B.K.A
Ta-Ta
Virgo
Photographer

Tantanisha Anderson
B.K.A
Tan-Tan
Aries
Model



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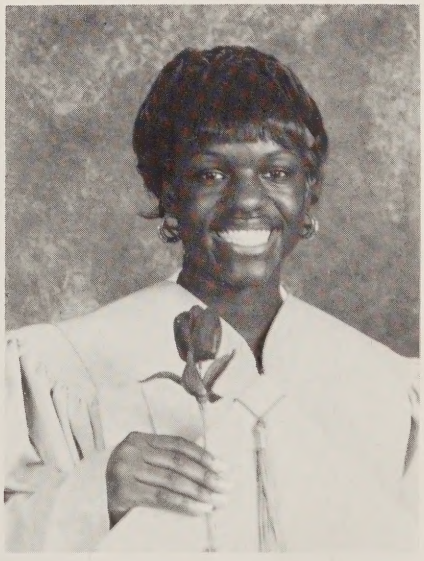
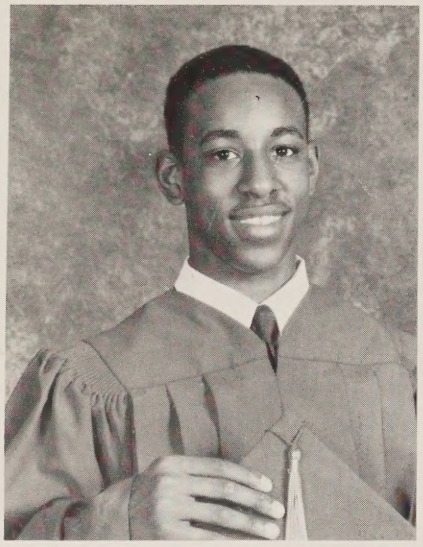
B.K.A
Boo-Boo
Libra
Basketball Player

Dominique Barnes
B.K.A
Nique
Capricorn
Actress





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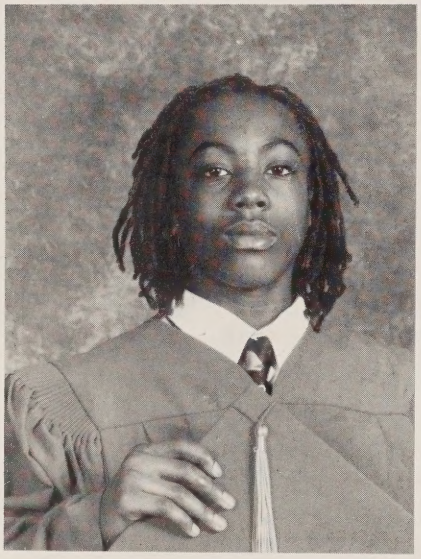
B.K.A
Barney
Cancer
Engineer

Aimee' Beachum
B.K.A
Me Me
Taurus
Psychiatrist



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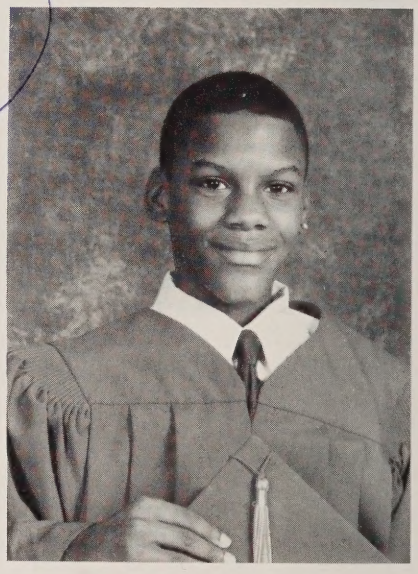
Rome
Capricorn
Football Player



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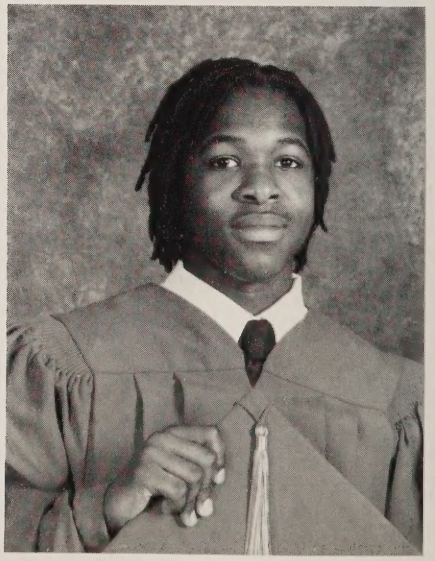
B.K.A
Drew
Cancer
Football Player

Domingue Booker
B.K.A
Nique
Taurus
Basketball Player



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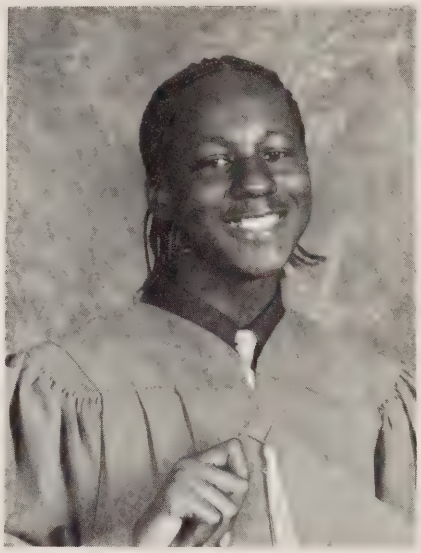
Slaleek
Capricorn
Business
Administrator

Louise Bouie
B.K.A
Wezee
Aquarius
Singer



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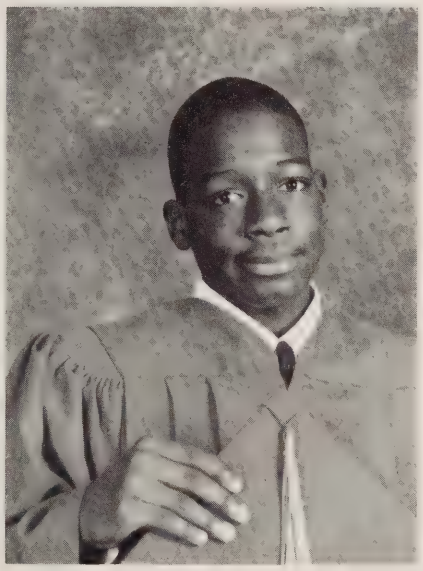
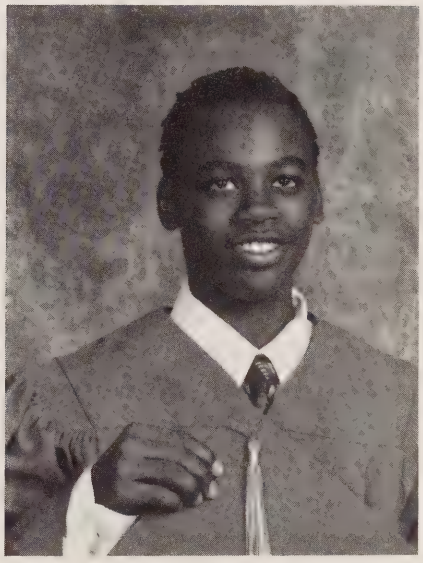
B.K.A
Jah
Libra
Zoologist



Darryl Bridges
B.K.A
D
Cancer
Basketball Player



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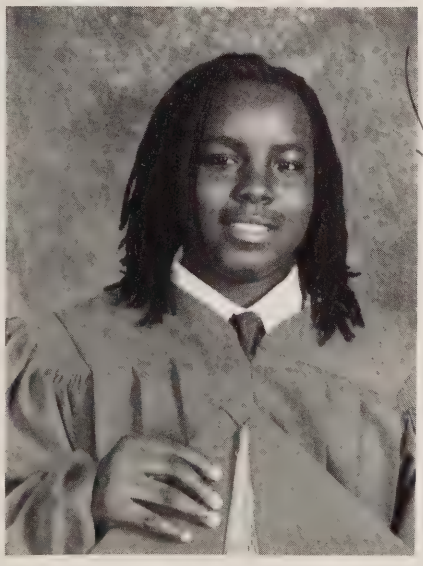
Brent
Sagittarius
Basketball Player



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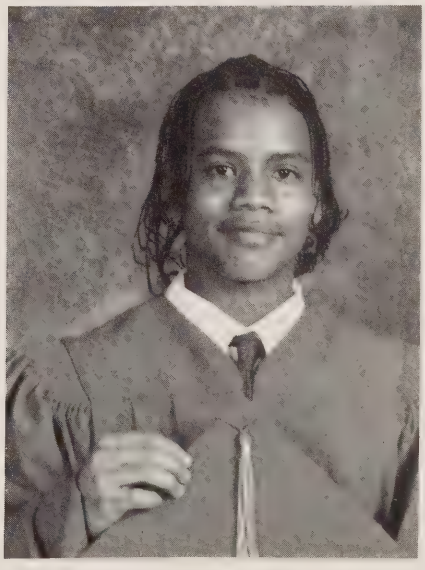
Jay
Gemini
Football Player



Daniel Chow-Yuk
B.K.A
Danny
Leo
Football Player

Derrick Chow-Yuk
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Chow-Yuk
Gemini
Lawyer

Andrea Davis
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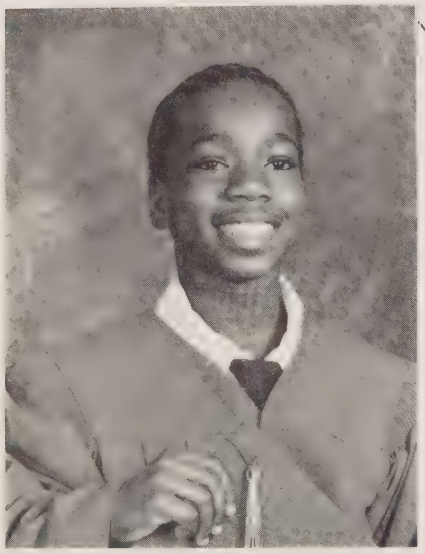
Pooda Bear
Capricorn
Chef



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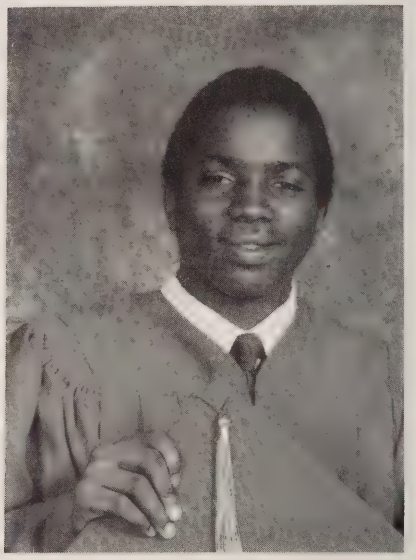
G-Baby
Aries
Architect



Bryant Degraffereid
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Ra-Ra
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Computer Technician

Yadira Diaz
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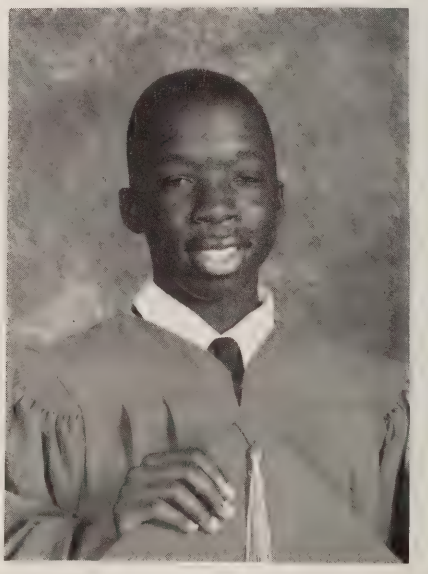
YaYa
Sagittarius
F.B.I. Agent



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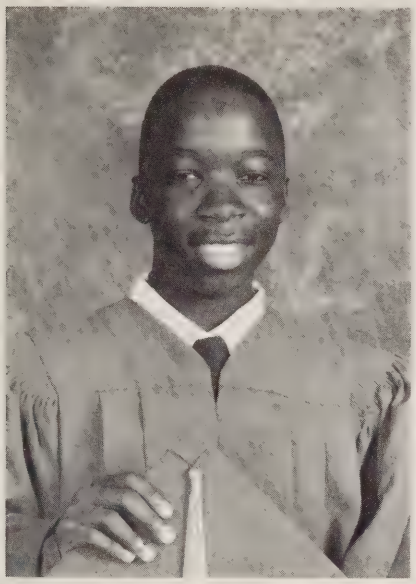
Twin
Aries
Entertainer



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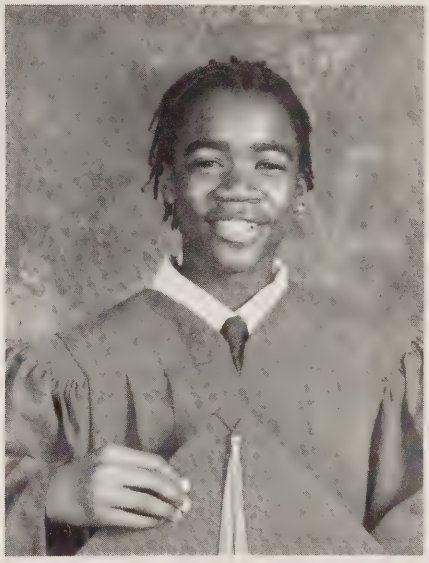
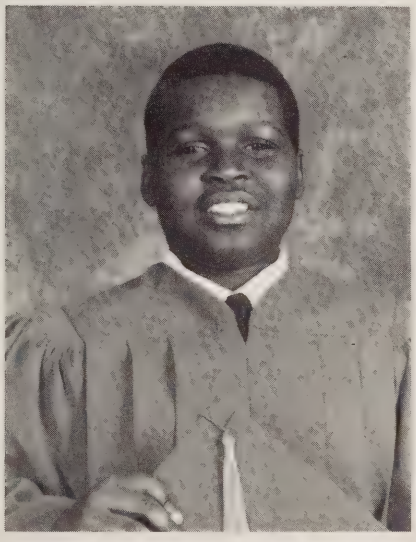
Twin
Aries
Entrepreneur



William Evans
B.K.A
Will
Aquarius
Web Page Designer



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G-Men
Cancer
Doctor

Tia-Jhna Garrett
B.K.A
Mook
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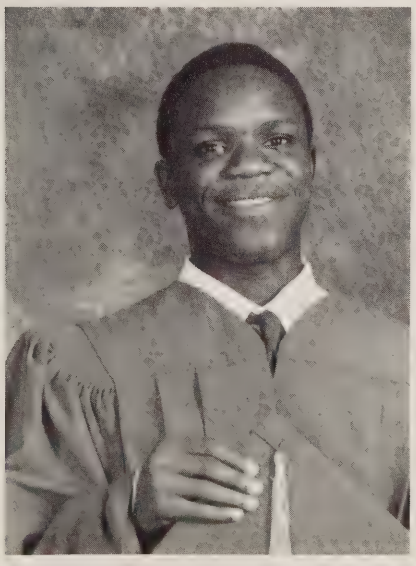
Pediatrician



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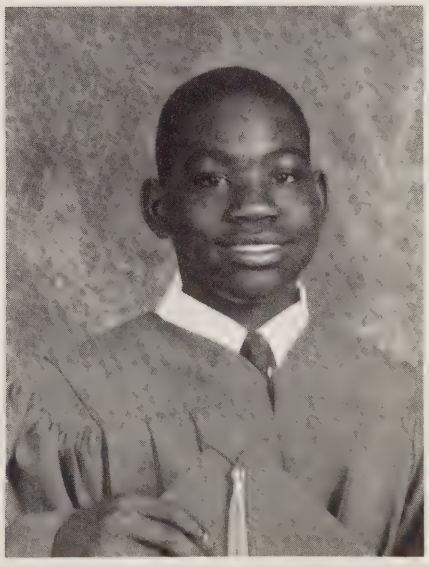
B.K.A
Quagmire
Gemini
Video Game Designer



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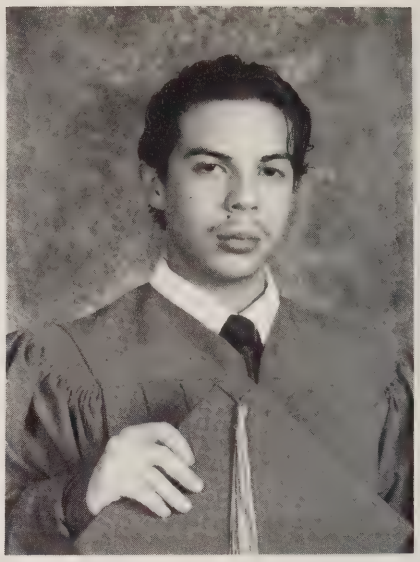
Man-Man
Leo
Actor/Dancer

Lateesha Golden
B.K.A
Teesha
Capricorn
Writer



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B.K.A
Eck
Scorpio
Government
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Ma Ma
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Nurse

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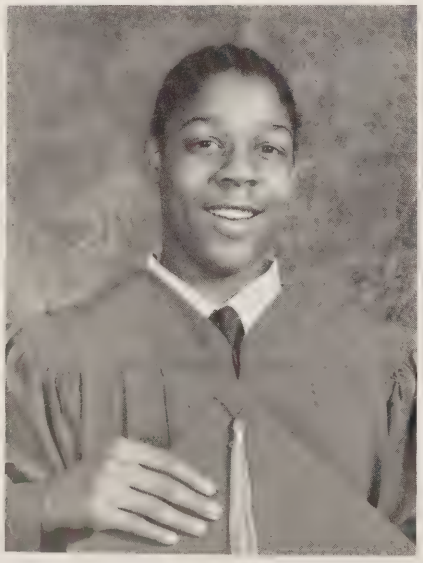
B.K.A
Mo-Mo
Capicorn
Pediatrician



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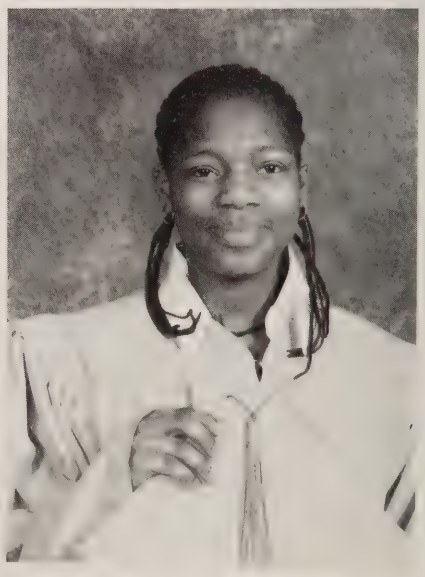
Stewie
Cancer
Video Game
Designer



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Lil Jazz
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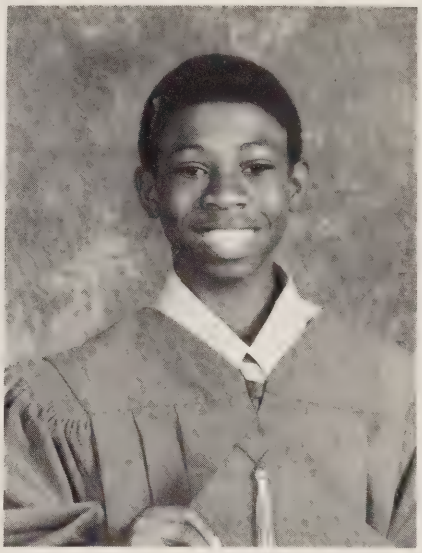
Dee-Dee
Gemini
Supreme Court
Judge



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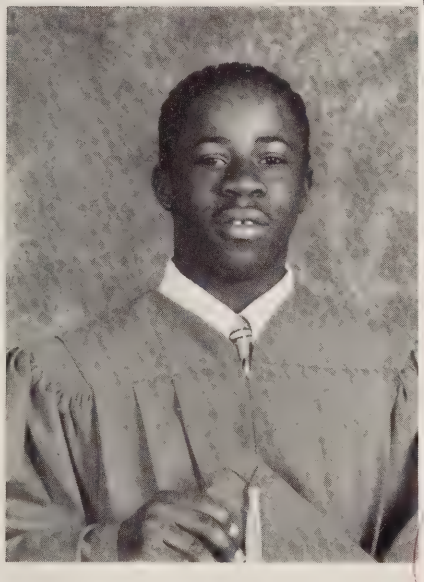
Drew
Pisces
Boxer



Tyree Hendricks
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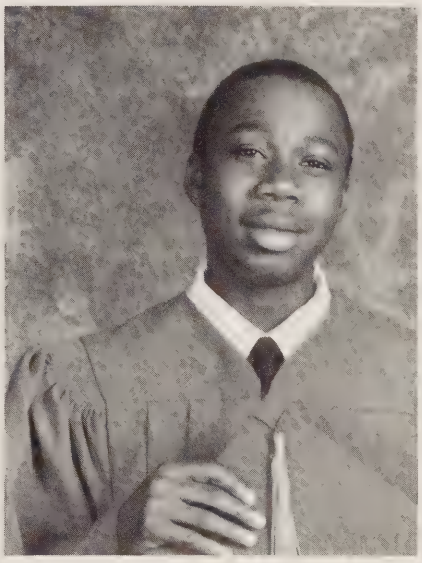
T- Bone Steak
Taurus
Football Player



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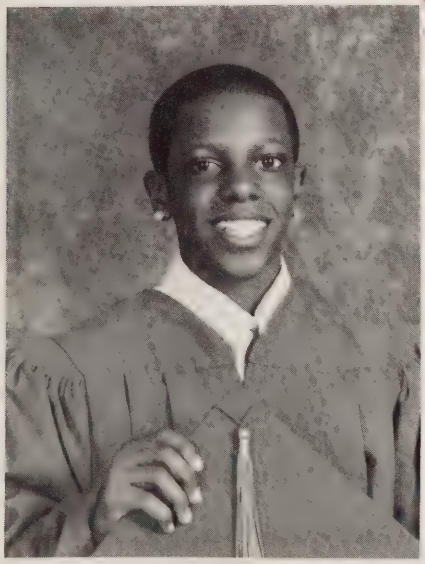

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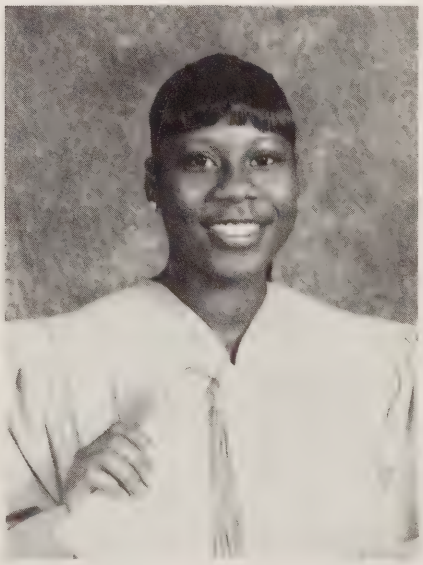

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Rocky
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Singer

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Tigger
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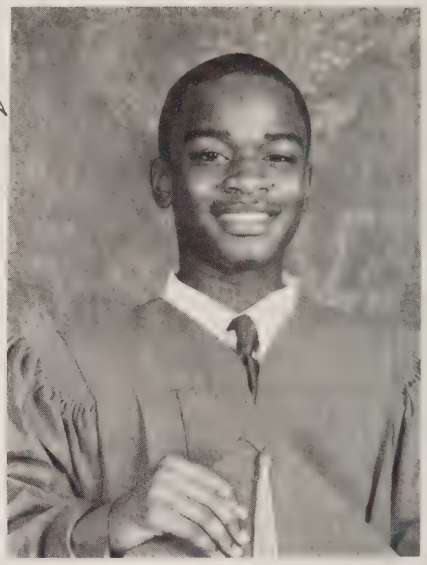
Teacher



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Na-Na
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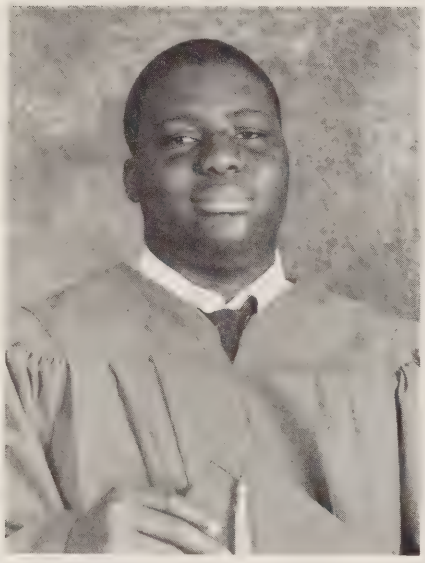

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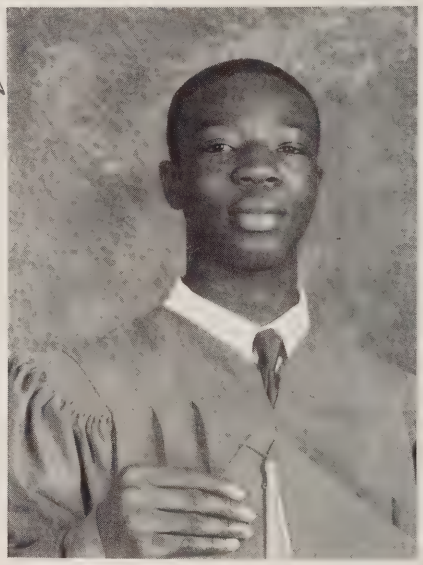
Big Daddy
Scorpio
Football Player



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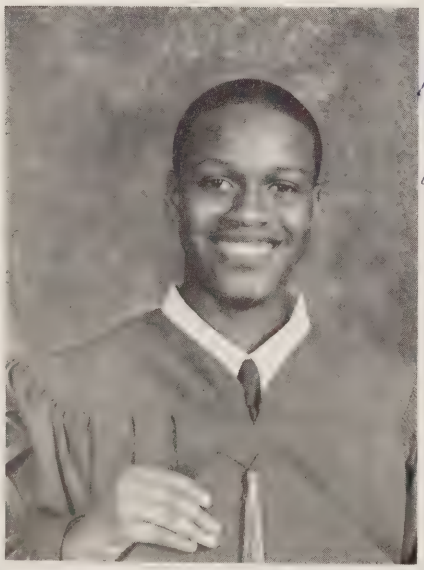
Financier



Kadeem Kemp
B.K.A
Deem
Scorpio
Lawyer

Kasim Link
B.K.A
Kas
Aquarius
Correctional
Officer

Keisha Jackson
B.K.A
Kiki
Virgo
Teacher

Aquila James
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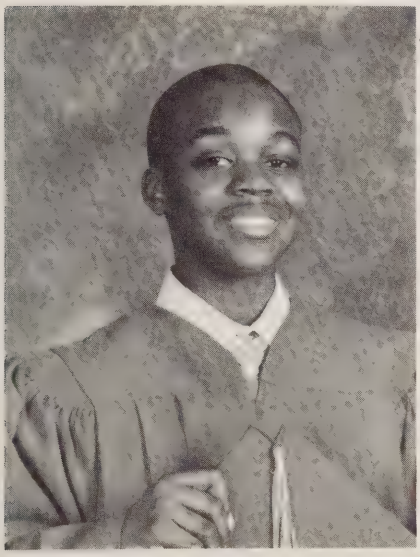
Quila
Sagittarius
Teacher



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B.K.A
Handicap 007
Gemini
Architect

Jermaine Johnson
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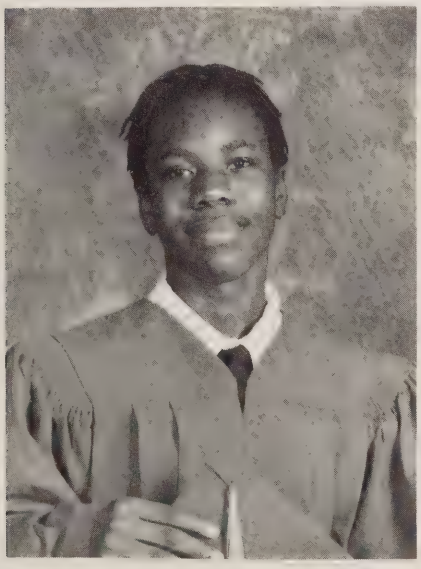
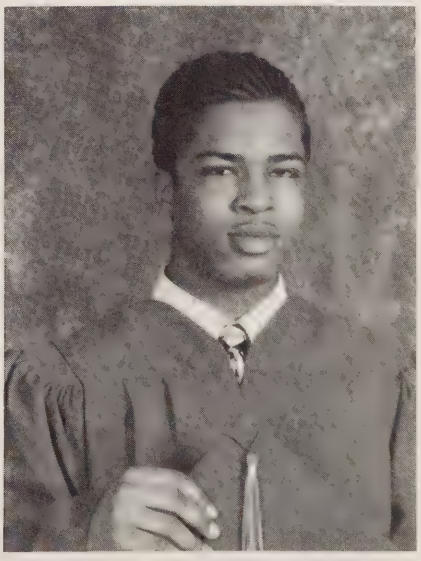
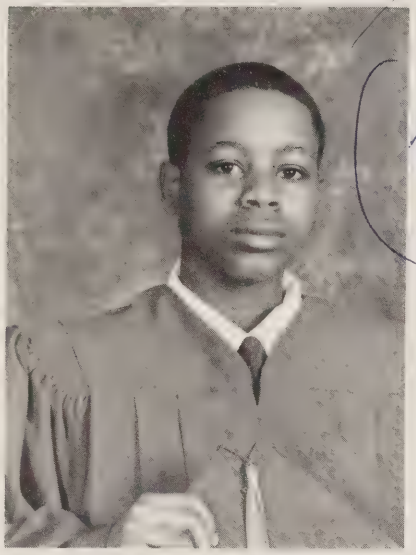
Jay
Leo
Rapper



Rashon Johnson
B.K.A
Rah
Aries
Rapper



Sharif Johnson
B.K.A
Riffy
Capricorn
Entrepreneur



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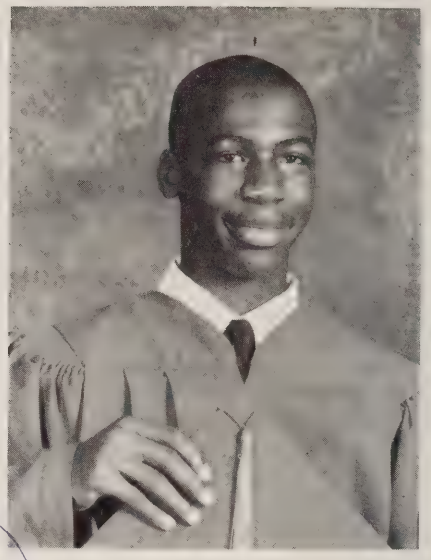

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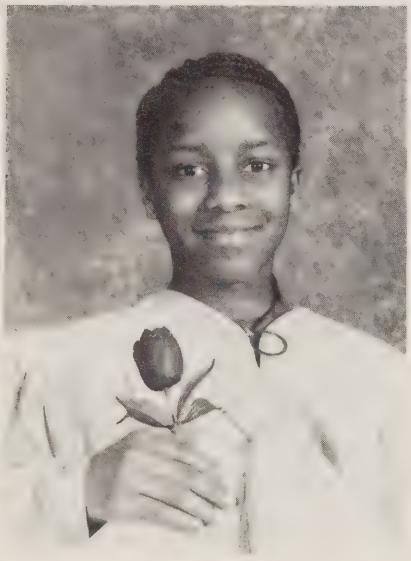

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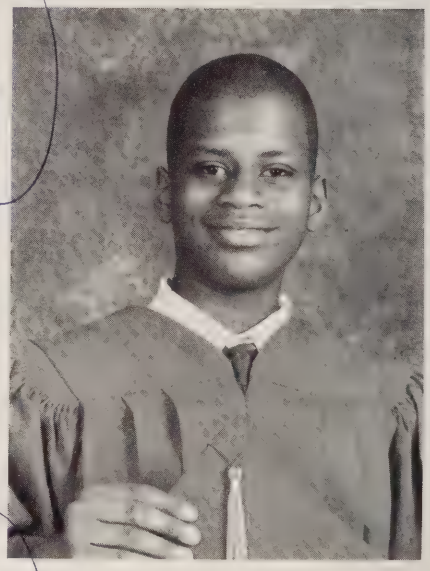

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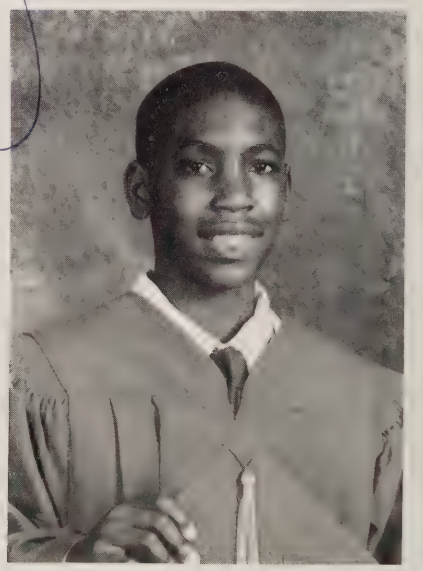

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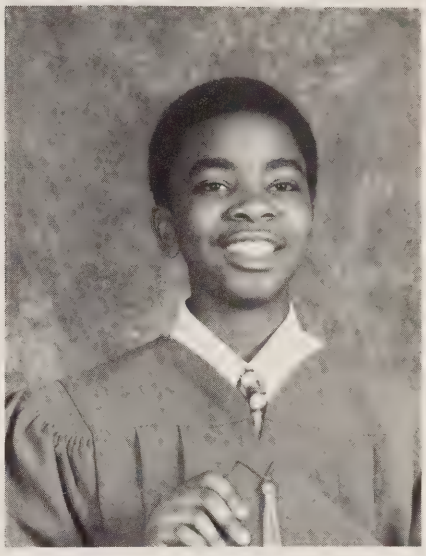

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Leo
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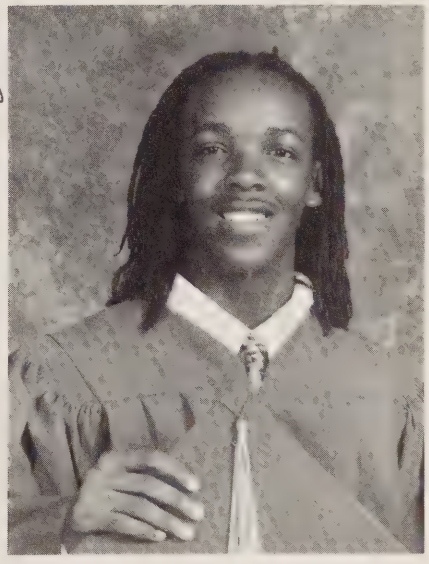

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Saly
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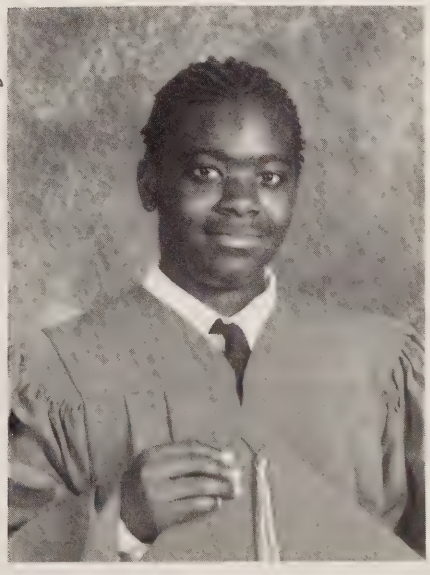
Fashion Designer



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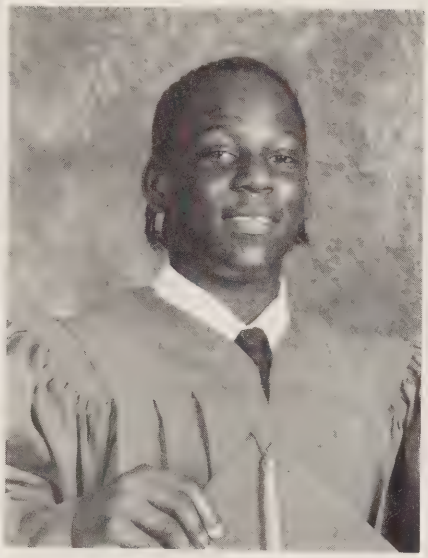

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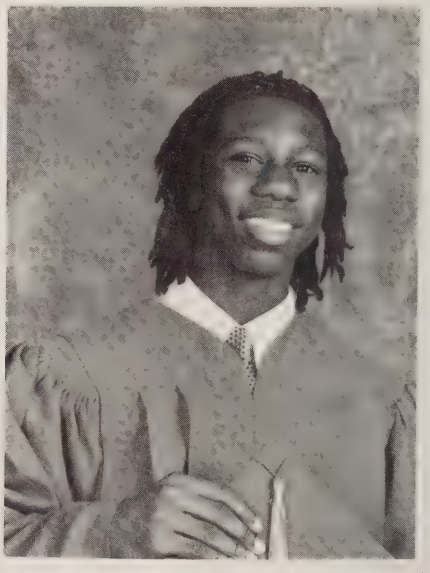

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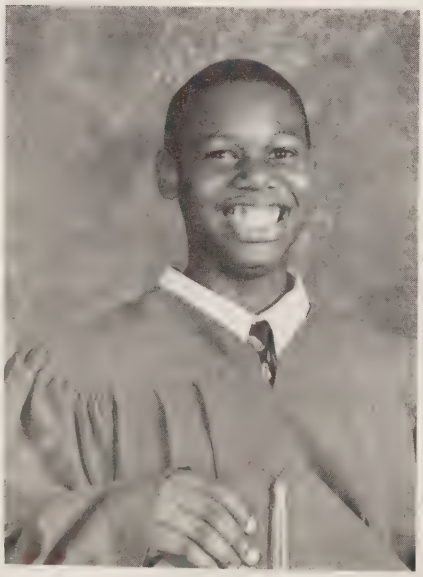

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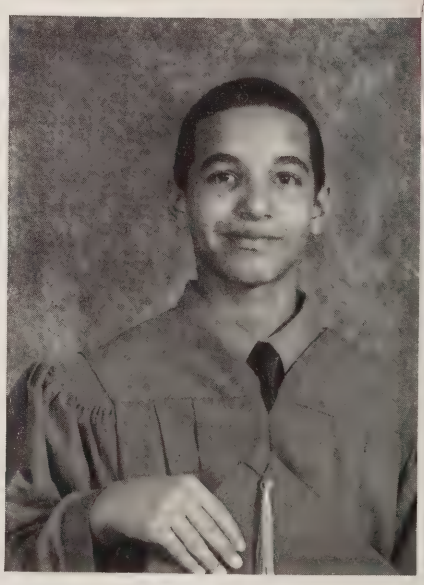

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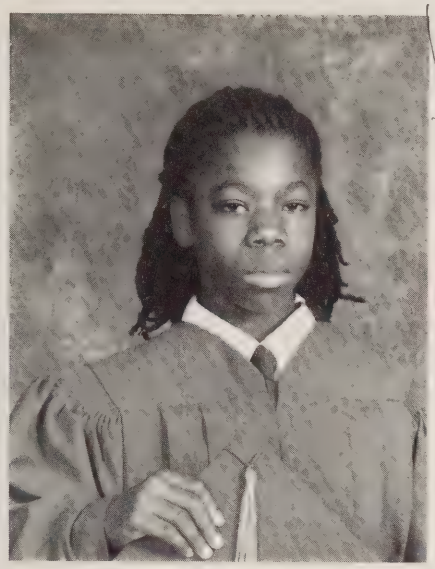

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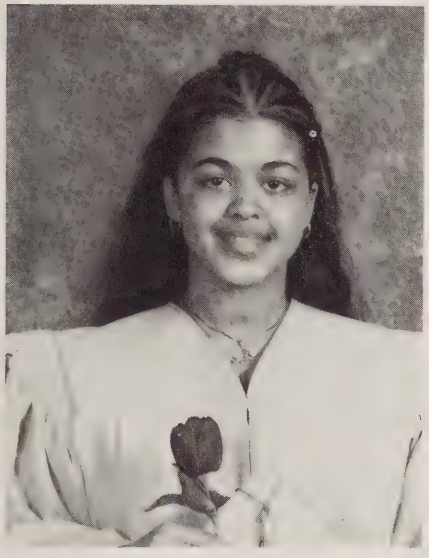

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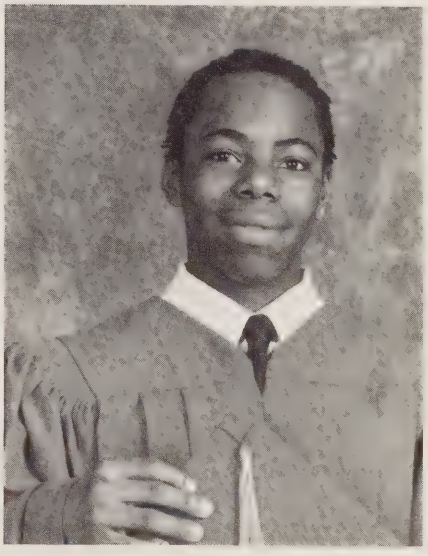

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Aries
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Alisha Rogers
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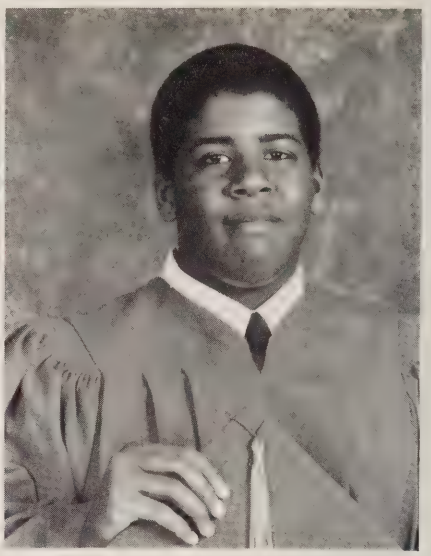

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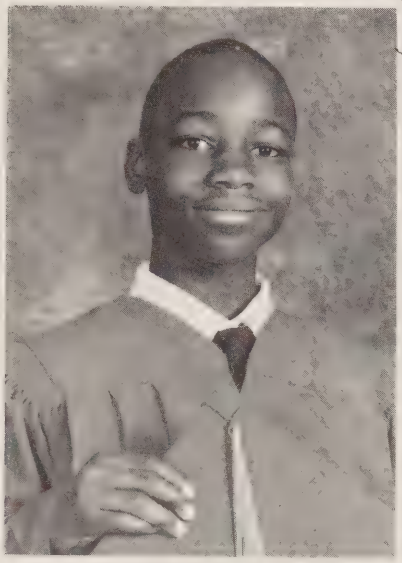

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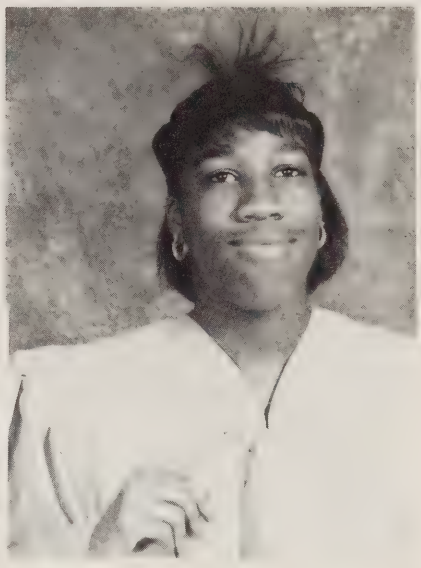

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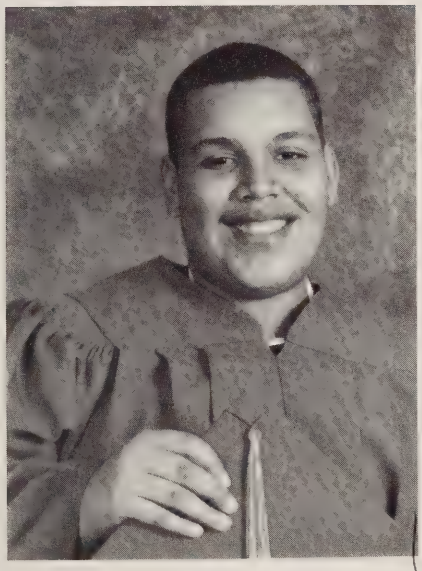

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Big Lou
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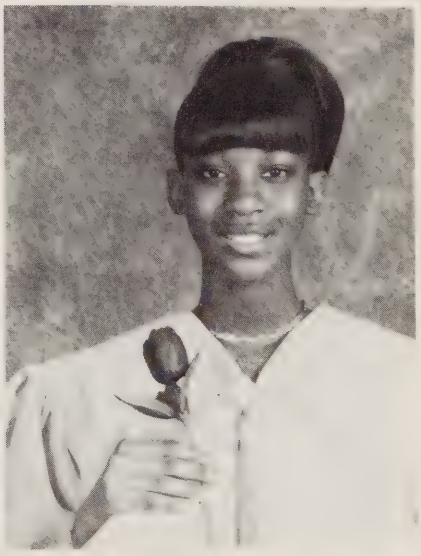

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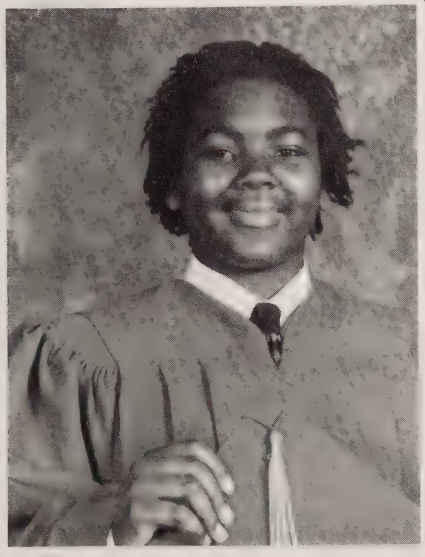

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Mike
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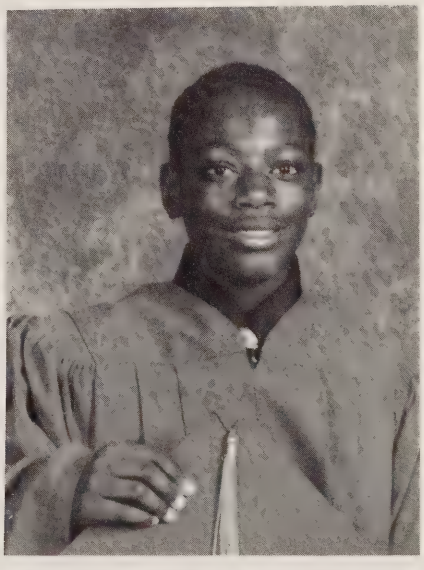

Ali Williams
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Ali
Leo
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Quawee Williams
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Qua
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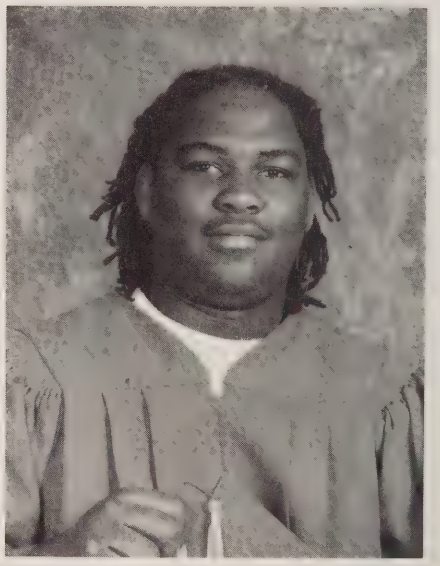

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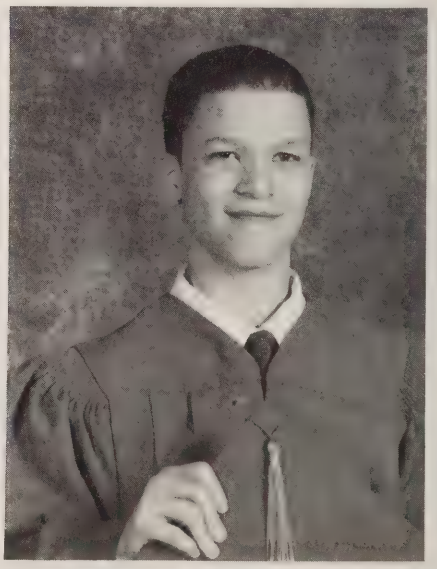

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Tommy
Sagittarius
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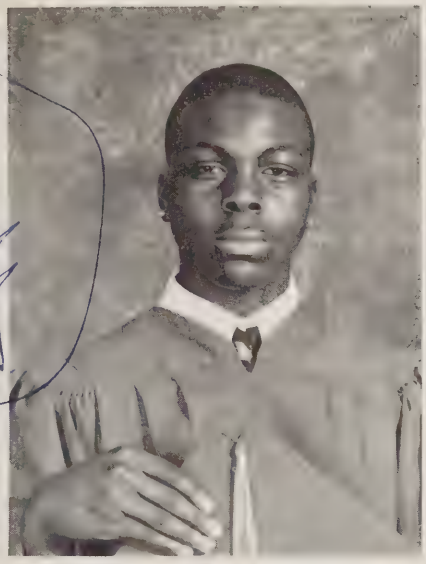

Yakim Winningham
B.K.A
Box
Virgo
Basketball Player

U-Juan Wright
B.K.A
Fletch
Libra
Cop

Class of 2004

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8th Grade Officers

Andrea Davis

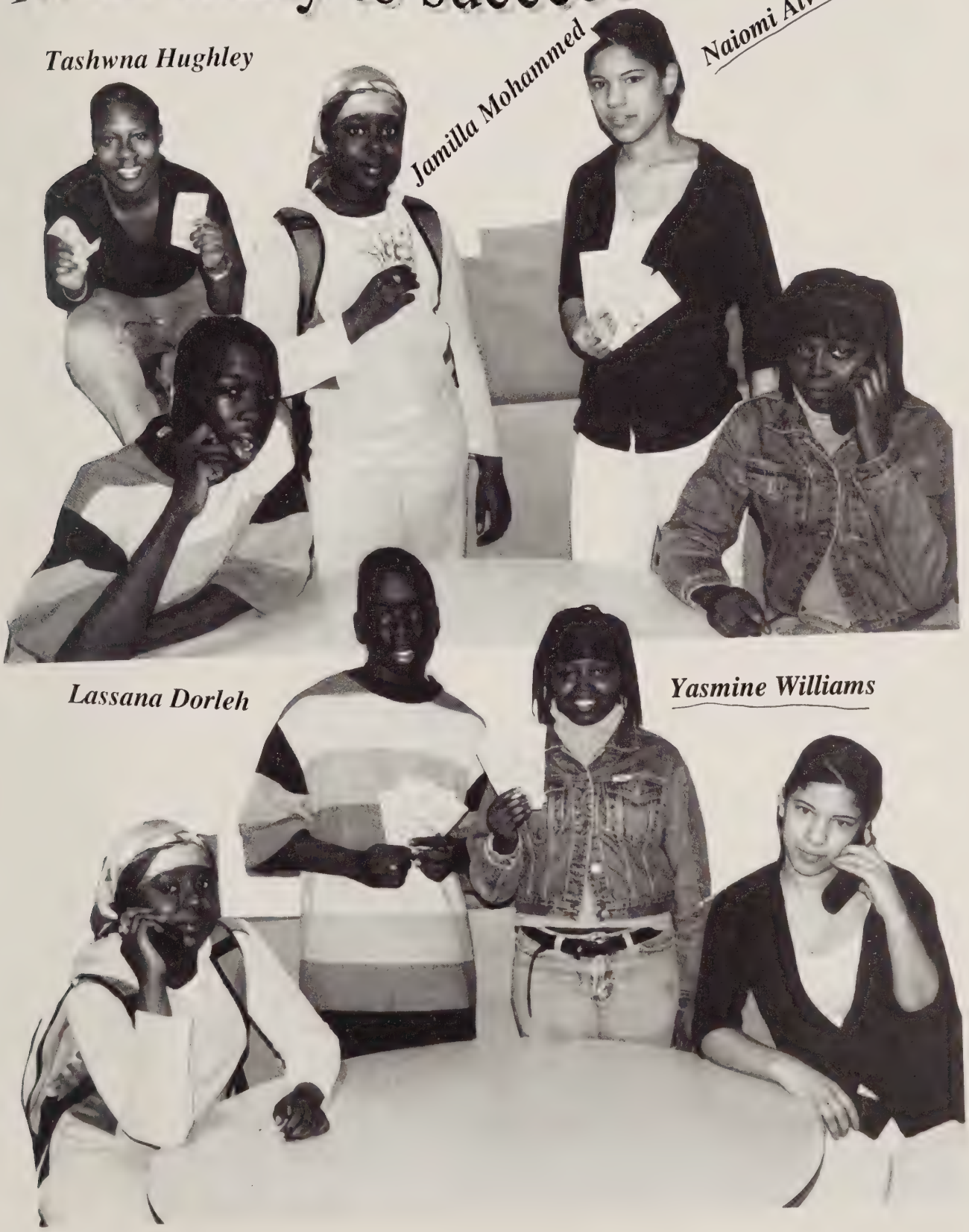
Varsiah Kamara

Derrick Chow-Yuk

Jamilla Mohammed

Brittany Simpson

Most likely to succeed



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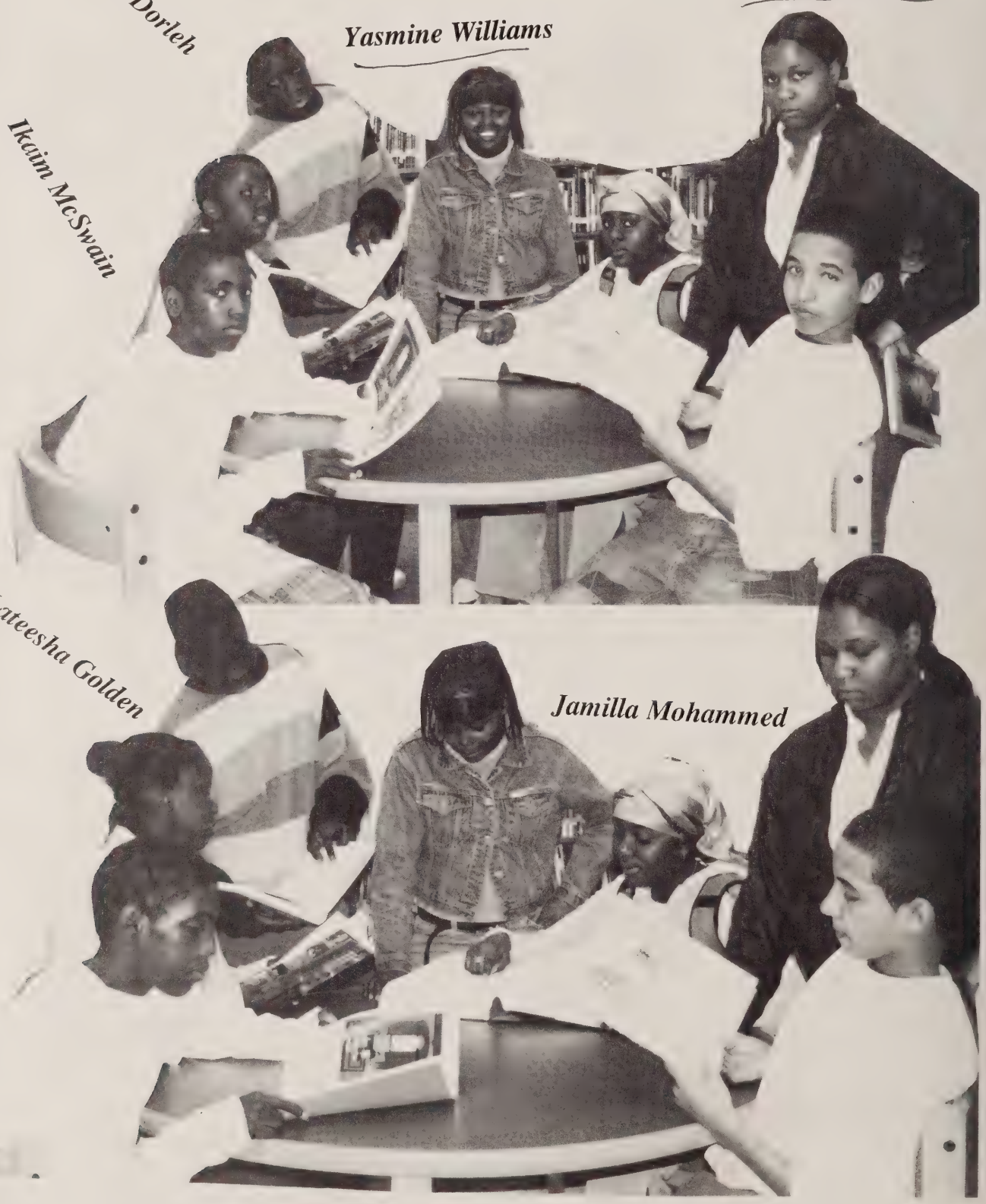

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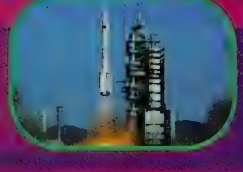
A Year In Review



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United States Goes to War in Iraq

Leading a coalition of forces, the United States and Great Britain invaded Iraq and captured Saddam Hussein. Resistance continued after the capture amid continuing questions about weapons of mass destruction. President Bush surprised troops with a Thanksgiving visit and the United States soldier was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year. Back home, security alert levels were raised and international flights cancelled due to suspected terrorist threats.

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Lights Out!

The largest power failure in United States and Canadian history cut a 600-mile swath between New York and Detroit, blacking out population centers all across the northeastern United States and into Canada, crippling transportation networks and trapping tens of thousands of people in subway cars, elevators, trains and on highways. No evidence of terrorism was reported.

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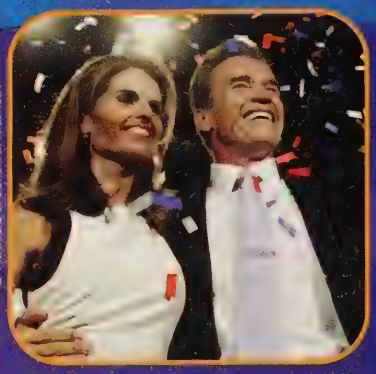

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Schwarzenegger Terminates Gray Davis in California Recall Vote

Action movie hero Arnold Schwarzenegger easily beat incumbent Governor Gray Davis, as well as a former sitcom star and dozens of other colorful candidates, in a recall election to become the new governor of California.

Joyful Homecoming in Utah

Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart, who was abducted from her bedroom, was found alive after missing for nine months. Remarkably, despite massive searches, Smart was found just miles from where she was abducted by a drifter and self-described prophet who did work for the family.

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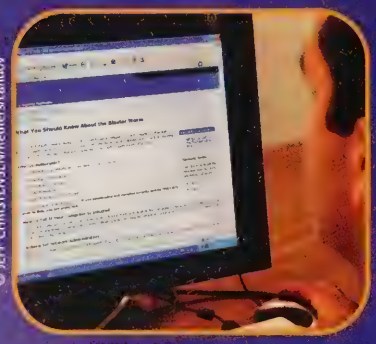

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Attack of the Worldwide Computer Worms

A series of prolific worms clogged computer networks, shut down businesses, exposed the vulnerability of the Internet and caused widespread havoc as they replicated themselves and spread like wildfire to personal computers and giant computer networks alike.

Queen Mary 2 Sets Sail

Four football fields long and 23 stories tall, the ultra-luxurious *Queen Mary 2* set sail on her maiden voyage. During regular service, passengers can pay up to $27,249 for the six-day trip across the Atlantic.

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POPQuiz

Politics Goes Hollywood

Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't the only celebrity to leave the back lots of Hollywood for a career in politics. See if you can name these other famous actors that elected to act on their political ambitions and serve in public office.

In Hollywood he was "Dutch," in Washington he was Mr. President.

A. Jimmy Carter
B. Ronald Reagan
C. Gerald Ford

Who wrestled with politics as the governor of Minnesota?

A. "Nature Boy" Ric Flair
B. Jesse "The Body" Ventura
C. "Stone Cold" Steve Austin

Ronald "Dutch" Reagan and Jesse "The Body" Ventura were elected governors of the California and Minnesota governorships, respectively, in the 1960s and 1990s.

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Rebuilding on the Site of Tragedy ▲

Rising 1,776 ft. from the ashes of the World Trade Center site, the Freedom Tower is designed to be the world's tallest building. Plans are also underway to build the "Reflecting Absence" memorial that will mark the footprints of the World Trade Center towers that were destroyed by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

SARS Scares the World ▶

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), spread from Asia to more than two dozen countries in North America, South America and Europe. Over 8,000 people worldwide became sick and hundreds died.

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How Now Mad Cow ▶

A single Holstein cow on a Washington state farm tested positive for mad cow disease, marking the disease's first suspected appearance in the United States. The cow was later determined to have come from Canada.

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Frail Pope Celebrates 25th Anniversary as Head of Catholic Church ◀

Pope John Paul II, courageously clinging to the remnants of his once-robust health, reached a milestone in 2003 as he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his election as Pope. Revered around the world as a man of peace, the Polish-born Pope continues to lead millions of Catholics worldwide.

Concorde Grounded ▶

After more than three decades of luxury travel, the supersonic Concorde airliners were grounded for good citing failing revenues and rising costs. Cruising at around 1,350 mph at an altitude of up to 60,000 ft. (11 miles), the Concorde carried jet setters, celebrities and royalty from Europe to New York in less than three-and-a-half hours.

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That's the Spirit! ▲

After a seven-month voyage, *"Spirit,"* NASA's Mars Exploration rover, successfully landed on the Red Planet. Its primary mission – to search for answers about the history of water, and possibly life, on Mars.

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The Power to Choose

There are many sources of energy for producing electrical power including solar energy from the sun, fossil fuels like coal, natural gas and petroleum, hydroelectric power which harnesses the motion of water to spin turbines, nuclear energy which is made by splitting atoms in a process called fusion and wind power which is produced by the wind turning a turbine. All have their advantages and disadvantages in giving us the power we need to run our lives.

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Flying a kite in a storm to prove his theory about electricity could have easily killed **Benjamin Franklin.**

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Thomas Edison's DC generator was used to illuminate the first New York street to be lit by electric lamps.

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Michael Faraday discovered how to generate electricity by means of motion in a magnetic field.

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Chinese in Orbit Over First Manned Space Flight

Chinese astronaut, Lt. Col. Yang Liwei orbited Earth 14 times before the 38-year-old former fighter pilot brought his spacecraft in for a near-perfect landing just five kilometers (three miles) from his target. The flight makes China only the third country in the world to launch a manned spacecraft into orbit.

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Super Trio Share Nobel Physics Prize

Alexei Abrikosov, Anthony Leggett and Vitaly Ginzburg won the 2003 Nobel Prize in physics for their work in superconductivity and superfluidity – two areas of quantum physics that study the bizarre activity of matter at extremely low temperatures.

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The Oldest Planet Yet

Astronomers have detected the most ancient planet yet known orbiting a binary system thousands of light-years away. The new discovery indicates that planet formation in the Milky Way may have started sooner and been more widespread than previously believed.

Under

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Chip Has a Long Memory

A prototype computer memory chip could store information using hundreds of billions of nanotubes. Once fully developed, the nanoscale random access memory (NRAM) could hold 10 gigabits of data and would be non-volatile, meaning data would not be lost when the power is turned off.

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Oldest Marsupial Fossil Found in China

Amateur fossil hunters helped discover a near complete skeletal fossil of the oldest known ancestor to kangaroos, koalas, possums and wombats. The remains of the chipmunk-size marsupial ancestor were dug up from 125-million-year-old shales in northeastern China.

Turning Off the Light

Physicists say they have brought light – which travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second – to a complete halt for a fraction of a second and then sent it on its way. It's possible this achievement could someday help scientists develop powerful new computers.

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POPQuiz

Sharks!

Few things terrify people as much as sharks and shark attacks. Swimming in the world's oceans for millions of years, sharks are still often misunderstood today. How much do you know about this mysterious species of sea dwellers? Take the quiz and find out!

True or False?

A. Sharks can shed as many as 30,000 teeth in their lifetime.

B. Shark skin was used on sword handles for a non-slip grip.

C. Some sharks can live to be 100.

D. Great White sharks can go up to three months without eating.

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Jaws May Hold Key to Cancer Cure

Sharks have survived some 400 million years on Earth. Scientists are now investigating whether their longevity could be due in part to an extraordinary resistance to cancer and other diseases. If so, humans might someday benefit from the shark's secrets.

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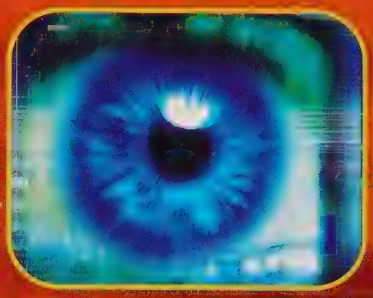
Time Flies

One hundred years ago, in 12 brief seconds, the history of the world changed forever as Orville and Wilbur Wright launched the first successful sustained powered flight in a heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

New Sight for Sore Eyes

Ophthalmologists have revolutionized cataract surgery by implementing a new, cutting-edge multifocal lens implant. Cataracts cloud the clear lenses in the eyes. The lens becomes brittle and yellowish. Although some cataracts occasionally occur in young children, many adults encounter this syndrome.



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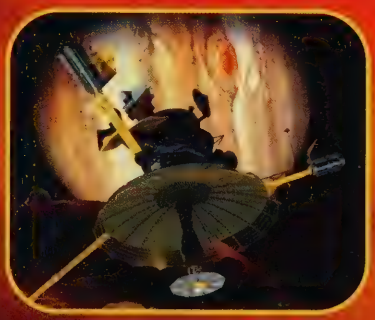
The Microscope

Galileo Ends its Jupiter Voyage with a Big Bang

The *Galileo* spacecraft's 14-year, nearly 3-billion-mile odyssey came to an end when the spacecraft disintegrated in Jupiter's dense atmosphere. In its travels, *Galileo* discovered strong evidence for a liquid ocean...and possibly life, beneath the frozen surface of Jupiter's moon Europa.



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Look Ma, No Plane!

"The Missile Man" became only the second person to cross the English Channel in an unpowered flight. Wearing high-tech carbon wings and using oxygen during the 20-mile flight in -31°F temperatures, Felix Baumgartner jumped out of a plane at 30,000 ft. above Dover, England and flew to France in under 10 minutes.

What's for Dinner?

Scientists have identified a microbe that gobbles up toxic waste deep underground, offering a potential way to clean up a particularly nasty chemical that has contaminated the water underneath hundreds of the nation's industrial and military sites.

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The average person blinks about 12 times a minute. That's an amazing 10,080 blinks in a 14-hour day.

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Eagles can see a rabbit about one mile or 1,760 yards away. People can see a rabbit about 550 yards away.

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While not blind, bats bounce sound waves off objects to "see" where they're going.

The Eyes Have It

How many times have you heard, "Be careful or you'll put your eye out?" Actually, parents have been saying that for a very long time. In fact, the phrase, "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye" dates from ancient Roman wrestling matches where the only rule was, "no eye gouging." Biting, kicking and scratching were allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone in the eye.

Fearless Fighting Fish Blast the Bronx Bombers

Led by 23-year-old Josh Beckett, who became a legend overnight after throwing a five-hit shutout in The House That Ruth Built, the Florida Marlins beat the NY Yankees in six games to take the 2003 World Series. For the Marlins, it was their second title in just 11 years of existence.

Lance Comes on Strong to Win Fifth Tour de France

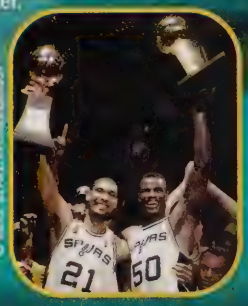
Overcoming illness, heat, crashes and hard-charging rivals, Lance Armstrong became only the second rider to win five Tours in a row and one of only five men to have won five Tours in total. The victory in the grueling 23-day race running 2,125 miles across the French countryside, is all the more amazing considering that in 1996 Armstrong was only given a 50 percent chance of surviving cancer.

Stanley Cup Runneth Over for the NJ Devils

The New Jersey Devils ended the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' playoff run, winning the Stanley Cup with a 3-0 victory in Game 7 of the seven-game series. It was the third championship for the Devils in just nine years.

San Antonio Spurs Ride Away with the NBA Championship

Erupting for a 19-0 run in the fourth quarter of Game 6, San Antonio beat New Jersey 88-77 to win the NBA Championship. Finals MVP Tim Duncan was two blocks shy of a quadruple-double and David Robinson grabbed 17 boards in his final game.



Detroit Goes from Worst to First

The Detroit Shock put a perfect ending on their worst-to-first story as they beat the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Sparks in a decisive Game 3 of the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) Finals. The Shock won a league-best 25 games this season, one year after losing a league-worst 23. Ruth Riley was named the MVP of the finals.

Think You Play Hard?

Try Moto X at the Winter X Games. A daring combination of motorcycles and snow, some Moto X riders choose to do back flips over a 35-foot gap, while others sidesaddle their bikes or let go of the handlebars over a 90-foot gap. The more daring do flips off the big ramp...often with bone-breaking results.

Hockey Legend Herb Brooks Dies

Herb Brooks, who coached the United States hockey team to the "Miracle on Ice" victory at the 1980 Olympics, died at age 66. A member of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame, Brooks played hockey at the University of Minnesota, where he later coached, winning three national titles. Miracle, a movie about the 1980 Olympic victory, was released in February 2004 and has received awesome reviews.

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Vive La France!

As the most prestigious bicycle competition in the world, the Tour de France has a rich history of triumph and tragedy. Can you answer these questions about the race that runs 2,125 miles through the French countryside and into Paris?

The first Tour de France took place in what year?

A. 1903
B. 1856
C. 1652

What color jersey does the Tour leader wear?

A. purple
B. yellow
C. polka dots

Everybody Loves Raymond and The Sopranos at the Emmys

It was a battle of the families as The Sopranos took home three Emmy Awards including Outstanding Lead Actor and Actress in a Drama Series (James Gandolfini and Edie Falco), as well as Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series (Joe Pantoliano). Everybody Loves Raymond took home the Outstanding Comedy Series Award, Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series (Brad Garrett) and Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series (Doris Roberts).

Saying Goodbye

2003 saw the passing of many beloved stars including Bob Hope who died at the age of 100 after a long and illustrious career. Other stars who left us included: Katherine Hepburn, John Ritter, Barry White, Fred Rogers, Gregory Peck, Art Carney, Maurice Gibbs, Nell Carter, David Brinkley, Gregory Hines, Warren Zevon, Rod Roddy and Hope Lange.

Juanes Wins Cinco Latin Grammys

The Colombian singer-songwriter was showered with five Latin Grammys, including Album of the Year, Record of the Year and Song of the Year. He also won Best Rock Solo Album and Best Rock Song. The Best Male Pop Vocal Album award was won by Enrique Iglesias. The Best Female Pop Vocal Album award was given to Olga Tanon.

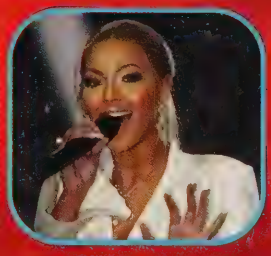
Chart Toppers

Ruuuuuben Wins Big on American Idol

Ruben Studdard, dubbed the Velvet Teddy Bear by Gladys Knight, came up big against his slender friend and finalist, Clay Aiken, in a TV showdown watched by over 33 million viewers. With nearly 24 million phone votes cast, Studdard beat Aiken by only 130,000 votes. The popularity of both finalists resulted in each getting a prized recording contract, agent representation and high-profile propulsion into show business.

MTV Honors its Top Performers

The Best Female Video award went to Beyonce' featuring Jay-Z. Justin Timberlake won the Best Male Video award.



Windy City Winds up with Six Oscars

Celebrating its diamond 75th anniversary, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded the Best Actress Oscar to Nicole Kidman for *The Hours*. Best Actor was awarded to Adrien Brody for *The Pianist*. Best Picture, along with five other Oscars, went to *Chicago*.

Get Real!

2003 saw the continued popularity of reality shows including: Survivor, The Bachelor and Bachelorette, Joe Millionaire, Fear Factor, The Simple Life, Extreme Makeover, Trading Spaces and Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.

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The #1 albums of all time in the U.S. are: "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975" by the Eagles, "Thriller" by Michael Jackson and "The Wall" by Pink Floyd.

In 1972, 9-year-old Jimmy Osmond was the youngest person to hit #1 with "Long Haired Lover From Liverpool."

In 2003, over 650 million CDs were sold in the United States alone!

Mighty Music Makers

CDs play from the center to the edge, rotating at a speed varying from 400 times a minute at the beginning to 250 times a minute at the end. Read by a red light laser that makes over 44,000 arithmetical calculations every second, the music on a CD is imprinted in the form of "pits" (small depressions of varying length) on a spiral track 3.52 miles long. Average CDs contain approximately 16,000,000,000 pits, each one about 700 times smaller than a pinprick!

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The New Color of Money

The most secure currency in United States history was introduced into the economy as a newly redesigned, colorful $20 bill was issued by the Federal Reserve System to help protect against counterfeiting. It was the first time in modern history that United States currency featured background colors other than black and green. New designs for the $50 and $100 notes are scheduled for introduction in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

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Pass the Seaweed Please

In "Vegetables from the Sea," cookbook author Jill Gusman offered recipes for such exotica as kombu, wakame and bullwhip kelp. These veggies, which many people might call, well, seaweed, are a mainstay of Japanese cuisine and packed with minerals and disease-fighting antioxidant vitamins.

Music Pirates Forced to Walk the Plank

2003 was the year to pay the piper as subpoenas were issued to people who illegally downloaded music from the Internet. The subpoenas were part of the industry's battle to clamp down on music piracy, and were spearheaded by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). Users charged with piracy could face lawsuits for damages ranging from $750 to $150,000.

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Thin is in for TVs

Forget bulky old televisions. Flashy new flat screen TVs were flying off store shelves. Measuring just a few inches thick and featuring ultra-clear pictures, high-definition plasma and LCD televisions are expensive but with demand on the rise and competition among manufacturers, prices are expected to continue falling.

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Hold the Pickle, Hold the Lettuce, Hold the Bun!

Leading fast food chains rolled out bunless burgers in a nod to the low-carb craze that's swept the nation. The surge in popularity for the high-protein, high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet is what prompted a move that once would have been unthinkable in the hamburger business.

Peanut Butter Enters Hall of Fame

Due to the exact measurements of its unique composition, peanut butter has become a standard reference material (SRM) of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology. SRMs, which include spinach, baby food, oysters and dark chocolate, are used by food companies to test their nutrient-measuring methods and equipment.

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Cargo Pants Deliver Big Profits to Retailers

Hot pockets were everywhere. They showed up on runways from Carolina Herrera (in silk) to Tommy Hilfiger (in charmeuse). They showed up on celebrities. They came cropped, belted and low-slung. And of course, they came with pockets...lots of pockets. Cargo pants were the hip huggers for 2003!

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POPQuiz

Show Me the Money!

It's money that matters. Money makes the world go around. Money is the root of all evil. Call it what you will, but as long as there have been people and things to buy, there's been money. How much do you know about the colorful history of the cabbage, the dinero, the cash, the moolah, the bread? Take the quiz and see.

"The buck stops here" according to what U.S. President?

A. Harry S. Truman
B. Lyndon Johnson
C. George Washington

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How many women have ever appeared on U.S. paper money?

A. none
B. one
C. three

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Answering the task-oriented response correctly, "The buck stops here" sat on the desk of President Harry S. Truman. Martha Washington is the only woman whose portrait has ever appeared on a U.S. currency note. Her portrait was on the back of the $1 silver certificate issues of 1886 and 1891, and on the back of the $1 silver certificate of 1896. There have not been any women featured on U.S. paper currency in the entire 20th century.

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Drive Like James Bond

The Gibbs Aquada looks like a sporty roadster, but press a button and in a few seconds flat its wheels tuck gracefully under its body, and you're boating, not driving. The Gibbs Aquada can do 100 mph on land and a cool 30 mph afloat.

Making a Name for Yourself

Everywhere you looked, from fashion runways to the classroom and beyond, preppy-style monograms, embroidery and decorative stitching were a letter perfect fashion trend on shirts and jeans.

Call Your Tune

It's a phone. It's a wireless music player. It's both. A leading phone company gave subscribers the chance to play full-length songs on its phones, radio-style. Subscribers can choose from 50 different songs. There's almost no delay but the sound is a bit wobbly for now.

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2003's Best Video Games

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According to Time Magazine, the best video games for 2003 were: *Karaoke Revolution, Soul Calibur II, Republic: The Revolution, Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2004, Temple of Elemental Evil, Space Colony, Simpsons Hit & Run, URU: Ages Beyond Myst, Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker and Tron 2.0.* Studies show the average gamer spends six-and-a-half hours a week playing video games.

Talk of the Year

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A Handful of Fun

Zodiac challenged Game Boy on its own turf with a new handheld combination of a Palm organizer and video game player fully equipped with a hot graphics accelerator, analog joystick and high-res LCD screen. The new handheld comes with either 32MB or 128MB of memory and plays some of the most popular games on the market today.

Daring Dairy

New milk flavors such as raspberry, orange cream and blueberry are now in stores and some schools. Companies selling the new kind of milk hope its sweet flavors will get more kids to drink up. But some health experts say this new milk is almost as bad for kids as soda.

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Mickey Still Going Strong at 75

Mickey Mouse debuted in the first synchronized sound cartoon, "Steamboat Willie," on November 18, 1928. Since then, he has remained one of the most beloved and enduring characters while also presiding as the face of The Walt Disney Company around the globe.

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Toying with the Past

A journey to the mall felt more like a trip down memory lane as many past favorites including Strawberry Shortcake dolls, Care Bears, Transformers, He-Man figures, Cabbage Patch Kids, Slinky, Mr. Potato Head and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles made comebacks.

FACToid

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About 20 percent of American teens (girls more than boys) own a cellular phone.

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A cellular phone isn't actually a phone. It's really a highly sophisticated radio!

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The first cell phone was introduced 20 years ago in 1984.

It's For You

The process that lets you talk to anyone almost anywhere on your cellular phone begins with the division of an area like a city into small "cells," each with hundreds of assigned frequencies that let millions of people use their cell phones simultaneously. Using special codes, highly sophisticated transmitting systems can identify phones, the phone's owner, the phone's movement and the service provider so that calls can be transferred from cell to cell almost instantaneously.

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I'm a Great Kid, Here's Why...

I tried my best at school. My best class was Science and Social Studies

I helped out in my community. I didn't Contribute to any violence

Without being asked, at home I take out the garbage

Talk | Add Buddy | Send

Good 4 Me!

My favorite activity is gym

My best activity memory this year was when I got accepted to Wesleyan

Creatively, I like to put outfits together

My goal next year is to stay consistant in my work

Talk | Add Buddy | Send

It's Totally Personal!

This year was the first time I had the courage to be myself

I can't believe I got accepted to Wes

What was I thinking when I

I'll never forget when

I was so proud that I

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It's

My Crew

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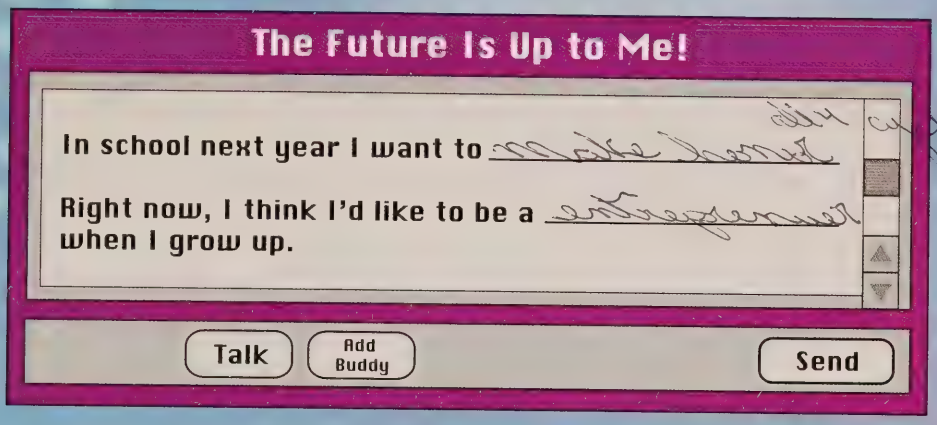
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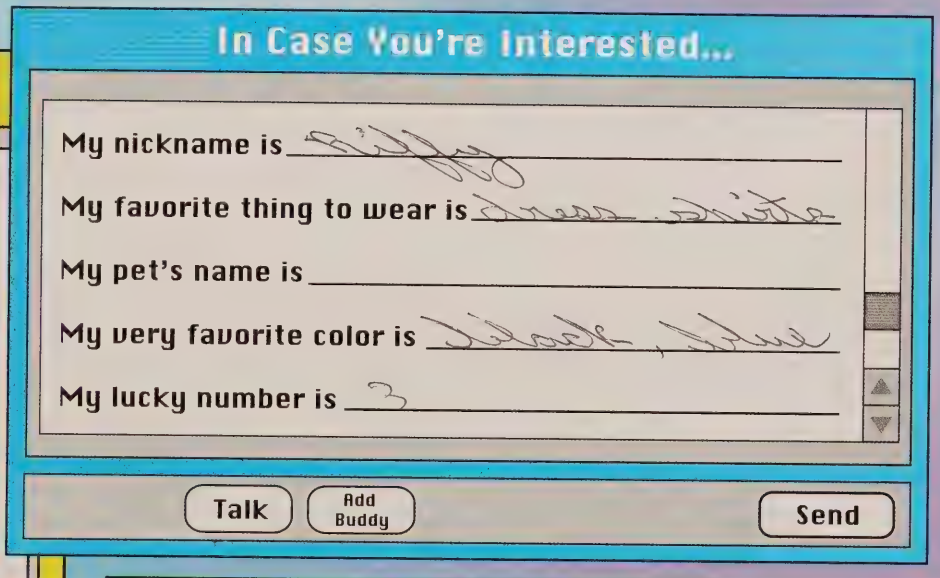
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My pet's name is
My very favorite color is
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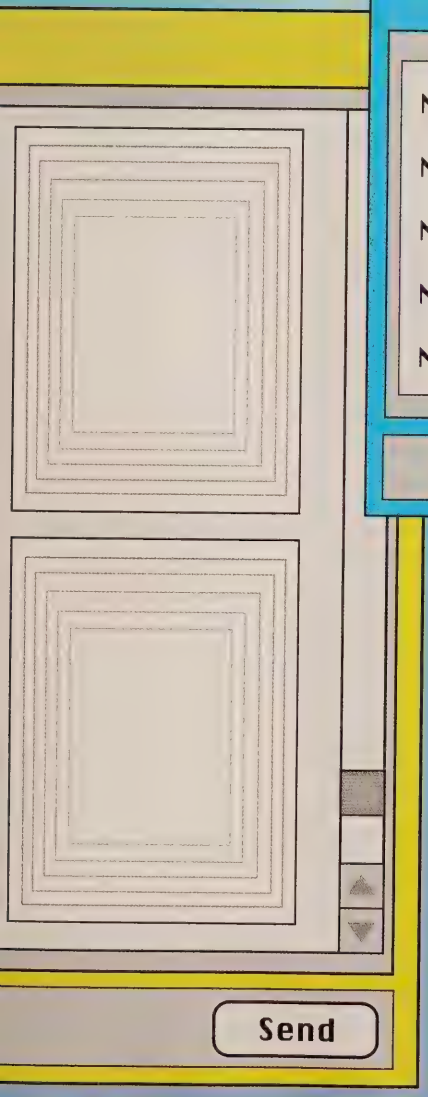
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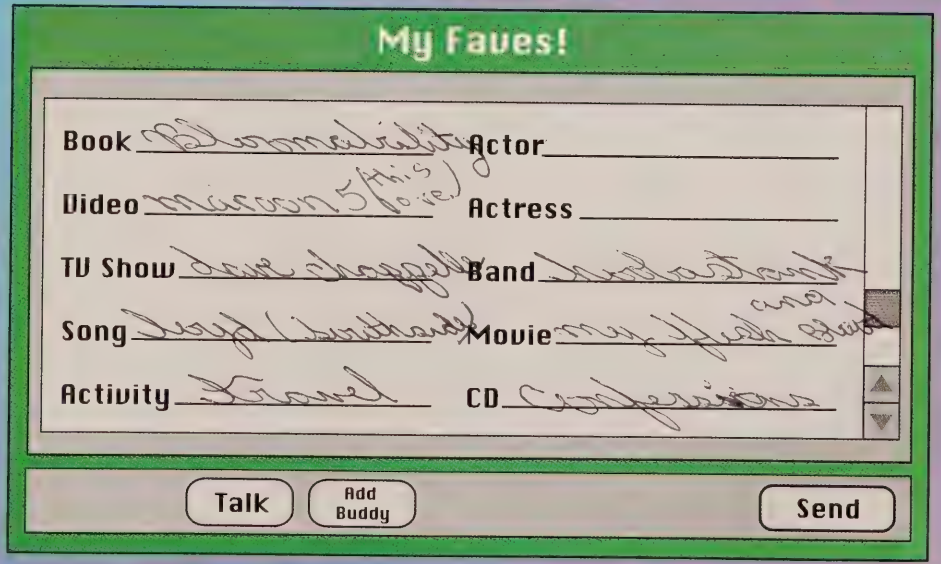
My Faves!
Book
Actor
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ZOOM® Word Jumble

Backwards, forwards, inside out and upside down...use the clues and see if you can unscramble this jumble of letters to find some of the people, places and things that made 2003-2004 a year to remember.

A	W	P	R	Y	I	R	A	Q	S	P	A
L	R	C	B	N	Z	W	E	R	V	S	R
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D	G	R	I	N	H	T	P	D	S	E	S
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M	J	T	P	A	T	R	I	O	T	S	P
L	T	I	G	E	R	W	O	O	D	S	O

1. Faster than the speed of sound, I carried jet setters, celebrities and royalty from Europe to New York in less than three-and-a-half hours.
2. This oil-rich Middle East country was liberated from dictator Saddam Hussein.
3. This remnant of days gone by is as old as the hills and twice as dusty.
4. Mostly I crawl in the dirt but sometimes I can also get into your computer.
5. We beat the Carolina Panthers to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.
6. Named after a famous astronomer, I travelled all the way to Jupiter.
7. As brothers who made the first heavier-than-air flight, we couldn't go wrong.
8. I was a tour de force winning the Tour de France for the fifth straight year.
9. I'm sometimes called the Red Planet.
10. Can you find me? My dad did with a little help from some friends.
11. Hey there, hi there, ho there, I'm probably the most famous mouse in the world.
12. If you like whacking around a little white ball, my video game will fit you to a tee.

WORD JUMBLE ANSWERS: 1. Concorde 2. Iraq 3. Fossil 4. Worm 5. Patriots 6. Europa 7. Wright Brothers 8. Armstrong 9. Mars 10. Nemo 11. Mickey 12. Tiger Woods

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Best Personality

Friendliest

Tashwna Hughley

Tony Phillips

Micheal West

Tantanisha Anderson

William Evans

Jamilla Mohammed

Best Dressed

Best Dancer

Tantanisha Anderson
Andrea Davis
Tashwna Hughley
Brenthnol Broman
Tia-jhna Garrett
Dominque Barnes

Most Artistic

Derrick Chow-Yuk

Linda Hubhord

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Most Athletic

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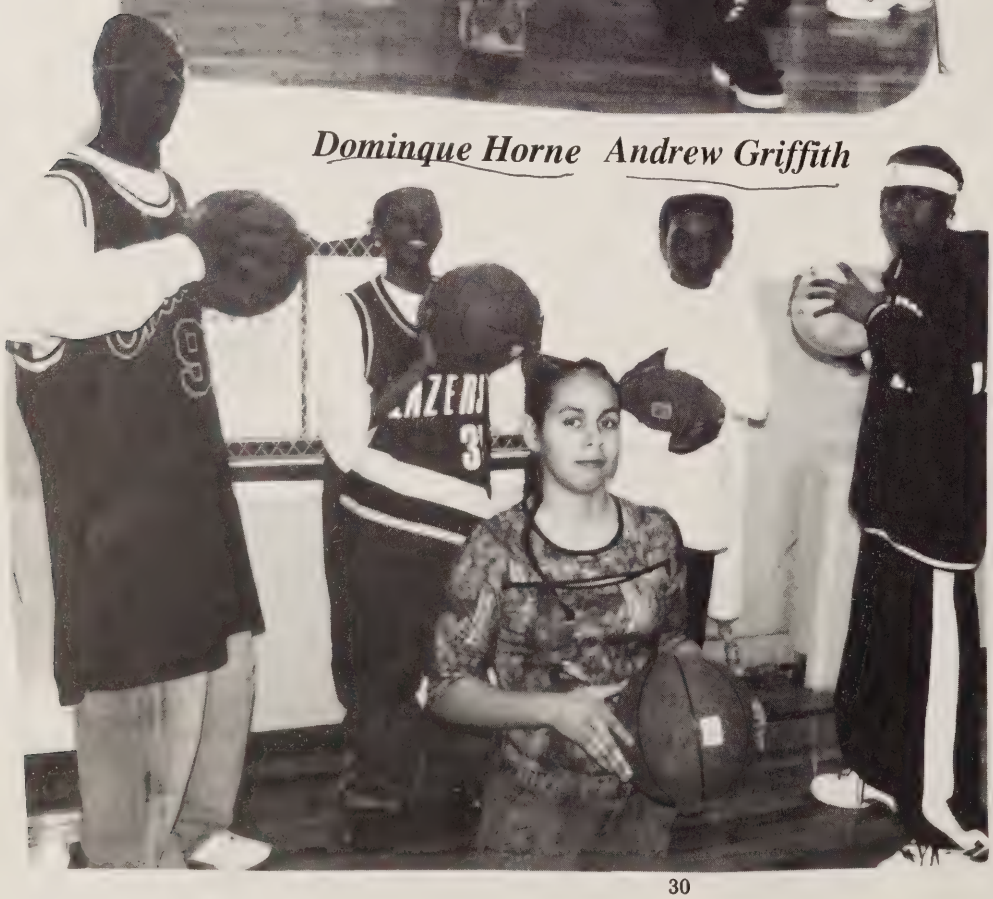

William Evans

Class Clown

Jalil Bowman
Josue Velez
Laquan Moses
Quamir Booker
Yakim Winningham
Major Mincey

Boys And Girls Basketball Team

Boys And Girls Basketball Team

Boys: Johnathan Santiago, Dominque Horne, William Evans, Varsiah Kamara
Girls: Dominique Booker and Yadira Diaz

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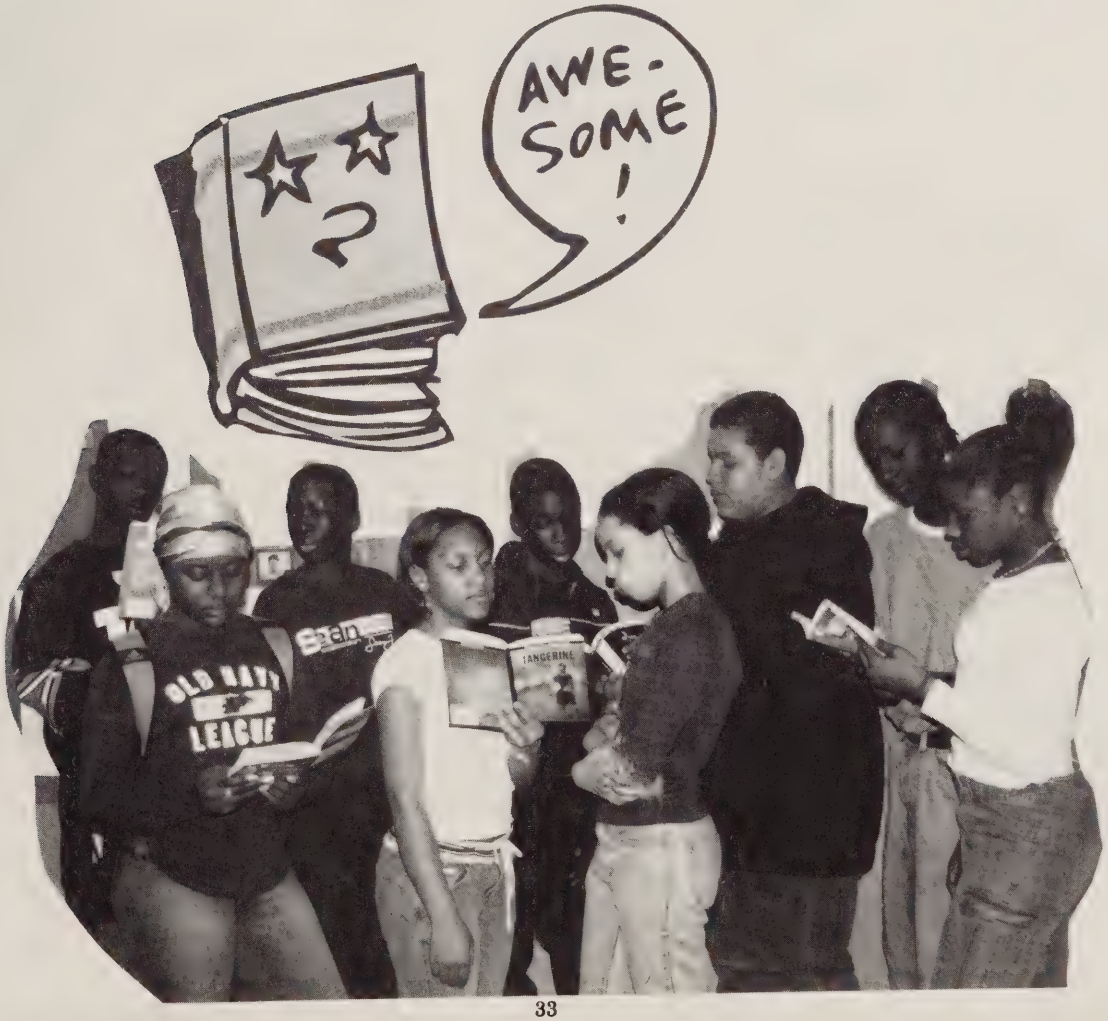

Spanish Club

Lateesha Golden, Varsiah Kamara, Yadira Diaz, Lossene Dorleh, Alisha Rogers , Brittany Simpson, Lassana Dorleh, Sahliah Mohammed, Luis Varquez, Aimee Beachum, Jamilla Mohammed and Tia-jhna Garrett

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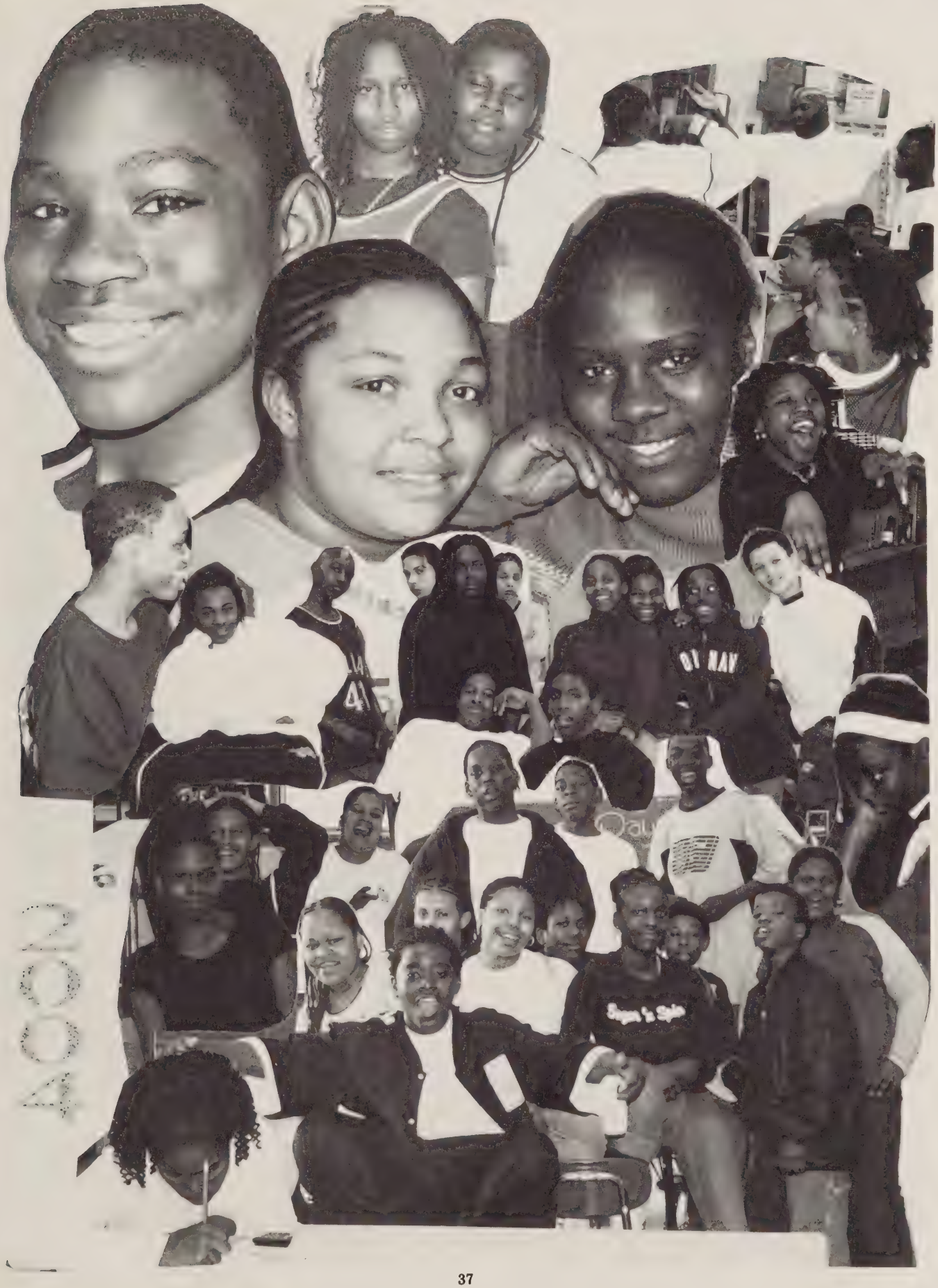
Dominque Horne

Mychel'le McPherson, Alisha Rogers, Jamilla Mohammed



GRADUATION

Guess Who?

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Words of wisdom for the Class of 2004

30 years from now, it won't matter what shoes you wore, how your hair looked, what jeans you bought. What will matter is what you learned and how you used it.

When you believe in yourself anything is possible.

What is popular is not always right; what is right is not always popular.

In a world full of followers, dare to be a leader.

COURAGE IS WHAT IT TAKES TO STAND UP AND SPEAK. COURAGE IS ALSO WHAT IT TAKES TO SIT DOWN AND LISTEN.

90 % of failure comes from people who have the habit of making excuses.

Dreams are not something to wait for they are something to work for.

To: Sharif
the Boy who
took my
Verginity
Love: Zellena

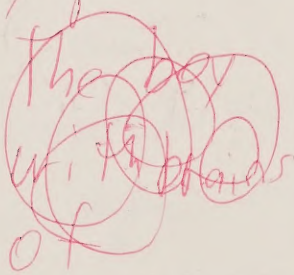
To: Sharif
keep your head
up Never let
a person knock
you down.
Meguicum

To. Sharif aka China
Stay in arts be what
you can be!!

From: Jeyce Hendricks

"Good Luck
Brittany

Stay Cool
From My Angels



To: Sharif
Stay out of
Trouble from
Roberto.

Adelina
A.K.A
ALI
B.K.A
Lil'leone
Stay Cool

The boy with brains
Major

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